

## PROTECTING SURE THINGS

How Clearing House of the Blackmailers' Gang Does Business.

FIFTY DOLLARS A WEEK TO ROB SUCKERS

Police Protection for a Price While You Wait, So Long as Herdman Police Board Controlled.

One of the depositions in the case brought by County Attorney Shields against The Bee for alleged damages to its reputation has been given by one of the men who operated a sure thing base ball swindle on Sixteenth street last summer under the protection of the gang that is behind Shields.

The witness told how he was employed to go into this business as follows:

Answer—I was taken in and introduced to Mr. Moore in his private office by Mr. Norton. Mr. Moore asked me if I thought I could afford to pay \$50 a week. I told him I could not afford to pay anything. Then he asked me if I thought it would pay \$50 a week and I told him I thought it would, and more. Well, then he told me to go on and make my arrangements to open up down there and any business I transacted with Norton would be satisfactory to him.

Question—Did you report every evening?

Answer—Not necessarily every evening, but I reported to Mr. Fanning on Mr. Moore. I did report every evening, in fact I turned over my cash to Mr. Norton every evening after we got done doing business.

Q—Did you ever receive any money from Mr. Moore?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—How often?

A—Once I received a roll from him to do business with.

Q—How much was it?

A—Fifty dollars.

Q—How was it handed to you?

A—Moore furnished the Bank Roll.

A—It was handed to me in an envelope by the bartender. I just happened in at the front door as Mr. Moore and the bartender came out and the bartender walked up to me and handed me an envelope with the money in it. I knew what it was when he handed it to me and he says: "Here is what Moore told me to give to you." With that Moore stepped into the office.

Q—What further conversation did you have with Fanning and Moore with respect to this business?

A—Well, on several different occasions Mr. Fanning used to come down to the place of business and stand around and watch and ask me how business was. In fact, so did Mr. Moore.

Q—Well, did you have any conversations with them in their home?

A—Yes, in the private office. In fact, the night the boys were arrested. In fact, the night the boys were arrested.

Q—What boys were arrested?

A—The boys that were working down there. The boosters there were arrested by the city authorities.

Q—And were they hauled out?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—By whom?

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Q—Well, by the concern's money.

A—How was that done?

A—Well, I had \$70 of the money belonging to the concern and Mr. Fanning took \$10 out of his own pocket and put it to the \$70 and gave me the \$80 in order to get these boys hauled. Seventy dollars of this money I gave back to Norton and \$10 of the money I gave to Fanning. In fact, that night when the boys were arrested, after they got out I used \$5 for little incidentals and I gave \$5 back to Mr. Fanning out of my own pocket.

Q—In the conversation you had with Mr. McVittie state what he said to you and what you reported.

A—Mr. McVittie came down there and said, "Here, you fellows must close this place up, because if you do not you are laying yourselves liable to get into trouble."

Well, I said to McVittie, I will go and tell these boys to close up, as I did. Then I went up and reported this to Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore asked me, "Who told you to close up?" I said McVittie. He said "D—n McVittie or anybody else. You go right down there and open up and keep on running until I tell you to close up, and let them show their hand."

Q—During the time you were running this place did you ever have any conversation with Moore or Fanning in regard to the World-Herald, as to its course?

A—No, none whatever.

Q—Did the World-Herald keep quiet? Did it ever say anything against you?

A—Not that I know of.

Q—Do you know whether The Bee did or not?

A—Yes, The Bee did all the time. The Bee said you could not get a ball into one of those places with a crowbar.

On cross-examination witness brought out in more detail his connection with Fanning. He met Mr. Fanning around the Moore resort, where he was called in by Mr. Moore to consult about keeping "The Sure Thing Game" going.

Q—What part did Mr. Fanning take in the management of the business?

A—As I told you the night these boys were arrested Moore sent for Fanning, and Fanning came in. In any time anything would come up that was in any way starting, for instance, like that arrest, Moore would see Fanning about these things and get him around there, and he would give orders and go and attend to whatever was to be attended to in regard to having things fixed up.

Q—Did he give you any orders?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Prior to the time of this arrest?

A—No, not prior to the time of this arrest. When he came around he would look around and ask me how I was doing and how business was.

Q—He took no part in the management of the business?

A—I do not know about that.

Q—So far as you were concerned Moore and Norton were the men you dealt with?

A—At that time. Prior to the arrest.

Q—When was this arrest?

A—I really don't know that either. It

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was some time last summer, about a month after we began operating.

Q—You were not arrested?

A—No, sir.

Q—Just the boys, because there was different men operating at that time.

Q—You were not there at that time?

A—No, sir. I reported the arrest to these people.

Q—So the whole outfit was taken?

A—The whole outfit was taken. Eight of them.

Q—They were required to give a cash bond?

A—Yes, sir. Ten dollars apiece.

Fanning as a Philanthropist.

Q—That was the first dealing you had with Mr. Fanning, the time he put up this \$10?

A—No, He asked me how much money I had and I said, "I have \$70 belonging to the concern."

Q—Was Mr. Moore or Mr. Norton there?

A—No, nobody but Fanning and I.

Q—So that, as a matter of fact, Mr. Fanning just simply as an act of kindness he was so kind as to enable you to get them out on bail?

A—No, sir. I think Mr. Fanning put up that money because it was his duty to do so.

Q—You just think that?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—So far as you know he might just simply have put that up because he was friendly?

A—No, sir. I do not think Fanning would put up \$10 for anybody.

Q—So far as you knew that might have been the case?

A—I know this: That after this arrest I know that Mr. Fanning gave me orders to go on and open up there and so did Mr. Moore to go on and open up there and let them show their hands. This was after this arrest.

Fanning and Moore Say Reopen.

On further cross-examination: Now after this arrest what was the first time that Mr. Fanning took an active part in the management of this business?

A—It was the very next day.

Q—And what did he do?

A—McVittie gave us orders again to close up.

Q—And where did you go?

A—I went direct to Mr. Moore's office. I found Mr. Moore there.

Q—And did you find Mr. Fanning there?

A—Not at the present time. I did not find Mr. Moore told you to go ahead?

Q—And Mr. Moore told you to go ahead?

A—Not at that time. He said, "Wait awhile," and he telephoned and asked if Fanning was there? I guess Fanning at the time was out on the works finishing the paving business at the depot and he says, "Now don't open up; until I tell you." I went out and kept closed until along in the evening, I think it was about 6:30, and then Fanning came along and we stepped back into the office and told him just what McVittie told me and they told me, "We will let it go for the night." The next morning I came around and Mr. Moore says, "Go on and open up."

Q—And your conversation until this time was with Mr. Moore?

A—No, not at all times. I told you that Fanning and Moore and myself sat in there and talked in that office nearly half an hour that evening with reference to the proposition down there and they told me to open up in the morning. Moore and Fanning both told me.

Q—They, both of them, told you to open up?

A—Yes, that is hardly the way they expressed themselves then. "By G—d, you go down in the morning and open up," Fanning said, and Moore said, "Yes, you open up and let them fellows show their hand."

Q—The heavy wind of Friday afternoon swept out the western portion of the old Ames avenue bridge which was over the Ames avenue bridge, and now only a span of the wooden structure is left in place. The strong south wind sent the waves against the bridge with such great force that it was swept away. The floating section was blown toward the Swift and Company's ice house, where it finally lodged.

The bridge was 1,000 feet in length. It was constructed eight years ago for the purpose of connecting North Omaha and Council beach, then a promising summer resort. Its cost of \$7,000 was borne by Douglas county and the city of Omaha. It is not likely that the bridge will be rebuilt, as it has not been used to any great extent lately on account of being in poor repair. Daymen and others at the west end of the bridge will be compelled to pursue the Locust street route in coming to the city.

The river bulletin indicates a rise of four inches in the old Missouri at Sioux City. At all other points where Kansas City a fall is reported. The water went down a foot at this place, 1.7 at St. Joseph, 3 of a foot at Plattsmouth and remained stationary at Kansas City.

The strong wind of Friday night threatened destruction to a number of dwellings around Cut Off lake, which were still surrounded by water. Great waves were sent across the lake until the embankment at Locust street was threatened. The attack continued yesterday, until it was found necessary to send men out to keep a constant watch upon it.

BALBACH CORNER IS SOLD

Cash Transaction, the Price Being \$17,500—Business House May Be Erected on the Property.

The Balbach corner on Sixteenth and Harney streets, directly east and across Sixteenth street from the old Lowe property, has changed hands. There is one full lot and half of another, the size of 3 of a plot being 132 feet on Sixteenth and ninety-nine on Harney. The property has been sold to W. H. Green, as agent. The deal was a cash transaction, the price being \$17,500. The two-story brick dwelling that now occupies the site will be torn down at once and the property leveled to the grade of the two streets. It is probable that a business house will be erected upon the property this season, yet there is nothing absolutely certain about this.

In 1887 Charles Balbach bought this corner for \$6,750. He erected the house now situated upon the lots and occupied it as a home during the greater portion of the intervening time.

Real estate dealers generally regard the Balbach sale as one of the most important of the season, indicating to them that Omaha property is again being sought after by outside parties. They point to the fact that there was no trade in the transaction and that the lot sold on its merits, as the salvage from the building will amount to nothing, it costing more to tear down the building and clean the brick than they will sell for.

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The high top knot is still the most fashionable mode of dressing the hair, and the Parisian woman's pompadour is thrown well forward in an overhanging puff.

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This refrigerator is large enough for any medium sized family.

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Large, beautiful, solid oak Upright Folding Beds, size 6 ft. 8 in. high, 4 ft. wide, best grade of woven wire large 18x40 genuine bevel plate mirror—5 in. wide, hand carved, with isopointed springs—piano finish—worth \$37.50—extra special—all week.....

21.75

Handsome Upright Folding Beds, in solid quarter sawed oak—with swell fronts—18x40 genuine French pattern plate mirror, all hand carved—has best grade woven wire supported springs—piano polish finish—worth \$55.00—extra special—all week.....

32.50

Beautiful Mantel Folding Beds—solid antique finished frames—with woven wire springs—big value at \$12.50—Extra special all week.....

7.75

Solid Oak Upright Folding Bed—with 18x40 bevel plate mirror—highly polished finish—with best grade woven wire springs—worth \$35.00—Extra extra special.....

23.50

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Three-piece Parlor Suit, upholstered in three-toned velvet, mahogany finish frame—very swell—consisting of divan, arm and reception chair—regular price \$30.00—this week.....

16.50

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Beautiful five-piece Parlor Suit—handsomely carved oak or mahogany finished frames—suit consists of divan, arm chair, rocker and two reception chairs, upholstered in silk tapestry—worth \$45.00—this week.....

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Handsome full size White Iron Beds—with four coats white enamel—worth \$4.50—go at.....

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Solid oak, very highly polished Extension Tables—large carved legs—best castors—worth every cent of \$10.50—go at.....

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Beautiful Combination Bookcases and Writing Desks—large sized cases—with adjustable shelves—in oak or mahogany—polish finish—worth \$9.50—go at.....

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Beautiful large 24x24 top Parlor Carpet Tables—with book shelves—highly finished—worth \$12.50—go at.....

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